(c) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh has been involved in such formulation of policies for revival of the deep-sea marine fishery sector in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b) A Technical Committe, comprising of representatives of various concerned Ministries and organisations was constituted to look into the problems of the deep-sea fishing industry. The Committee has recommended remedial measures for the revival of the deep-sea fishing sector. Action on the recommendations of the Committee has been initiated at inter-ministerial level.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Report on fish catch by foreign vessels Export of fish products

2234. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the total catch declared by the chartered and leased deep sea fishing vessel operators during the year 1993-94;

(b) what was the share of Government on the said operation in terms of (a) tonnage (b) value;

(c) whether it is a fact that large scale fish catch by foreign vessels are reported;

(d) if so, what action has been taken by Government in this regard;

(e) whether it is a fact that there has been persistent representation to the Government against the policy of deep sea fishing by chartered and foreign vessels; and

(f) if so, what are the details of the action taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) the total catch declared by the chartered and leased vessels during the year 1993-94 was 8919 tonnes.

(b) Chartering and Leasing of deep sea fishing vessels are allowed to Indian companies and there is no share of the Government in such operations. However, licence fee at the rate of Rs. 10,000 per vessel per annum and Rs. 25,000 per vessel per annum is paid by the Indian companies in Charter and Leasing respectively. Moreover, export cess at the rate of 1% on the total catch value is also paid by them.

(c) and (d) As against the total marine fish production of 26.88 lakh tonnes during 1993-94, the catch of leased and chartered fishing vessels was only 8919 tonnes which formed only 0.34% of the total catch.

(e) and (f) Yes Sir. Representations have been received from associations of traditional fishermen from Gujarat, Kerala, etc. to withdraw licences issued to foreign fishing vessels and for deep sea fishing vessels being operated under Joint Ventures, Charter and Leasing etc. The matter has been reviewed recently in consultation with the State Governments and through appointment of an Expert Committee for indepth study of the situation. However, no adverse impact of the operation of the deep sea fishing vessels on coastal fishing was established. On the other hand, it was found that un-checked and un-regulated increase in the coastal fishing effort had led to the increased competition between traditional fishing boats and mechanised fishing vessels for targeting a finite resource. In view of this, it was not felt necessay to withdraw the licences issued to deep sea fishing vessels under the above schemes. However, it has been decided that no more applications for deep sea fishing will be processed till the whole matter is reviewed.

Export of fish products

2235. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the total foreign exchange earned by Government from the export of fish products in the year 1990 to 1992;

(b) what steps have been taken to promote foreign trade in fish products; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) The total foreign exchange earned through export of marine products during the year 1990-91 to 1992-93 is given below:—

Year	Quantity (In thousand tonnes)	Value (In crores)
1990-91	139.4	893.37
1991-92	171.8	1375.89
1992-93	208.6	1768.56

(b) The information is furnished in the enclosed statement (*See* below).

(c) Does not arise.